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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 23, 2002

Mrs. BOXER introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. LAND OF PECHANGA BAND OF LUISENO MIS-**
4 **SION INDIANS.**

5 (a) LIMITATION ON CONVEYANCE.—Land described
6 in subsection (b) (or any interest in that land) shall not
7 be voluntarily or involuntarily transferred or otherwise

1 made available for condemnation until the date on
2 which—

3 (1)(A) the Secretary of the Interior renders a
4 final decision on the fee to trust application pending
5 on the date of the enactment of this Act concerning
6 the land; and

7 (B) final decisions have been rendered regard-
8 ing all appeals relating to the application decision;
9 or

10 (2) the fee to trust application described in
11 paragraph (1)(A) is withdrawn.

12 (b) DESCRIPTION OF LAND.—The land referred to in
13 subsection (a) is land located in Riverside County, Cali-
14 fornia, that is held in fee by the Pechanga Band of
15 Luiseno Mission Indians, as described in Document No.
16 211130 of the Office of the Recorder, Riverside County,
17 California, and recorded on may 15, 2001.

18 (c) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-
19 tion designates, or shall be used to construe, any land de-
20 scribed in subsection (b) (or any interest in that land) as
21 an Indian reservation, Indian country, Indian land, or res-
22 ervation land (as those terms are defined under any Fed-
23 eral law (including a regulation) for any purpose under
24 any Federal law.

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